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SUBJECT: RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (IGC)
OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP)

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1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RECONSTITUT-
ING IGC INTO COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES
TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

2. U.S. DELEGATION MET FIRST WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFP,
AQUINO, AND THEN COLLECTIVELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES DENMARK,
CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, UK AND AUSTRALIA TO
DISCUSS DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. AQUINO NOW PLANS SUGGEST THAT IGC BE INCREASED FROM 24 TO
30 MEMBERS AND SAME GROUP HANDLE OLD AND NEW FUNCTIONS. NEW
FUNCTIONS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR FIRST TWO DAYS REGULAR SPRING
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4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS REGARDING SCOPE OF DELIBERATIONS OF RECONSTITUTED IGC, (CONTAINED PARA 5 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION), AQUINO MADE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:

(1) FUNCTIONS OUTLINE DRAWN FROM PARA 5 OF FOOD AID RESOLUTIONS XVIII AND PARA 5 OF FOLLOW-UP RESOLUTION XXII OF WFC.

(2) AQUINO DOES NOT VIEW FUNCTIONS AS INCLUDING NEGOTIATION OF APPORTIONMENT 10 MILLION-TON FOOD AID GOAL AMONG DONORS.

(3) HOWEVER, DOES SEE GROUP EXPANDING SCOPE TO COVER IMPORTANT NEW POLICY AREAS. FOR INSTANCE, EXPECTS FAO REPORTS SHOWING IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF LDC'S AND PARTICULARLY MSA'S WOULD BE RELAYED TO GROUP TO FORM POSSIBLE BASIS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION AND REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS AS BASIS FOR THEIR PLANNING. ALSO EXPECTS GROUP MIGHT REVIEW ISSUES SUCH AS NEEDS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS AND WHETHER HIGHER LEVELS OF AID MIGHT BE MADE DIRECTLY AVAILABLE TO THEM IN FOOD DONATIONS AS OPPOSED TO OTHER TYPES OF FOOD AID. ACCORDING TO AQUINO, GROUP WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT INSTRUCT GOVERNMENTS ON HOW TO ALLOCATE FOOD AID BUT WOULD SUGGEST POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTS.

5. US DEL MADE CLEAR TO AQUINO THAT SINCE 10 MILLION TONS WFC ITEM IS EXCLUSIVELY FOCUSED ON DONORS, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT A RECONSTITUTED IGC WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO HANDLE THIS ITEM. AQUINO AGREES WITH THIS POSITION AND SAYS HE DOES NOT FEEL THIS WILL BE AN ISSUE IN IGC MEETING. HE COULD, OF COURSE, BE WRONG.

6. WE DID NOT MENTION TO AQUINO THAT U.S. POSITION IS NOW TO HANDLE 10 MILLION TONS IN FAC/IWA. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT IF ISSUE IS RAISED BY OTHERS WE SHOULD STATE THIS POSITION.

7. DISCUSSION WITH OTHER DONORS - DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DONORS CENTERED ON (1) SIZE OF RECONSTITUTED IGC, (2) POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION ON SIZE BY IGC AND (3) SUBSTANCE GROUP WOULD COVER.

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8. ON SIZE, MOST DELEGATES UNDERSTOOD LDC'S WOULD PRESS FOR CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OR OPEN-ENDED GROUP.

9. JAPAN AND U.S. STATED PREFERENCE FOR RETAINING PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF 24, BUT THAT CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO MODERATE EXPANSION, PERHAPS TO 30.

10. FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA NOTED LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. DANES

AND CANADIANS FAVOR LARGER, OPEN-ENDED GROUP, OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO HANDLE NEW FUNCTIONS ONLY. THE DANES WISH TO BE REPRESENTED AS A DONOR ON MORE REGULAR BASIS THAN PRESENT SIZE COMMITTEE ALLOWS, AND THE CANADIANS FEEL LARGER GROUP WOULD BE LESS EFFECTIVE AND LIKELY TO TAKE ACTION DONORS MIGHT FIND DIFFICULT TO LIVE WITH.

11. CANADIANS SAID WOULD JUST AS SOON POSTPONE DECISION ON SIZE OF GROUP. OTHERS FELT THAT REACHING A DECISION AT THIS SESSION WOULD UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, JAPAN FELT WE SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SMALLER GROUP NOW. U.S. STATED (1) THAT IT PREFERRED THAT IGC HAVE CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE IT IS CONSIDERED BY OCOSOC AND UNGA AND (2) THAT DECISION ALREADY MADE AT WFC THAT IGC WOULD BE RECONSTITUTED AND THERE ARE DISADVANTAGES IN INVITING FOOT-DRAGGING IMAGE BY DELAYING DECISION ON COMPOSITION.

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12. REGARDING SCOPE OF RECONSTITUTED IGC, CANADA, DENMARK AND U.K. EMPHASIZED DECISION MADE AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO FORM GROUP AND SCOPE IN PARA 5 DRAWN DIRECTLY FROM THIS RESOLUTION.

THEREFORE, WOULD BE FUTILE TO ATTEMPT LIMIT SCOPE OR CHANGE WORDING NOW. OTHERS APPEARED TO CONCUR.

13. COMMENT - U.S. POSITION PAPER ON RECONSTITUTION OF IGC INSTRUCTS U. S. DEL TO SEEK TO LIMIT SCOPE OF DELIBERATIONS OF RECONSTITUTED IGC TO PROJECT AND EMERGENCY-TYPE ASSISTANCE. POSITION PAPER ORIGINALLY CONTAINED POSITION THAT FOOD AID SUBCOMMITTEE OF CGFPI BE FORMED TO DISCUSS (A) APPORTIONMENT 10 MILLION TONS AND (B) POLICIES RELATED TO TITLE I TYPE ASSISTANCE. REFTTEL REVISED INSTRUCTIONS ON CGFPI AND STATED WE PREFER FORUM OF FAC FOR NEGOTIATION OF 10 MILLION TONS. DO NOT FORESEE PROBLEM IN 10 MILLION. HOWEVER, SEE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTING LIMIT SCOPE OF IGC TO DEBATE PROJECT AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHILE OFFERING NO ALTERNATIVE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OTHER TYPES OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.

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14. SINCE THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 5 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IS LIFTED FROM WFC RESOLUTIONS WHICH U.S. HAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT RESERVATION IN WFC AS WELL AS UNGA, EFFORTS TO AMEND WOULD SIGNAL U.S. REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS POSITION AND BE INTERPRETED AS EFFORT TO FRUSTRATE WFC IMPLEMENTATION. THEREFORE, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION ACCEPT WORDING PARA 5 DRAFT RESOLUTION.

15. U.S. DEL WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR LIMITED BODY WITH BALANCE BETWEEN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS COMBINING TRADITIONAL AND NEW FUNCTIONS. NOWEVER, IF THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO PUSH MEMBERSHIP BEYOND 30, POSITION OF MAINTAINING A SINGLE BODY WOULD REACH POINT OF DIMINISHING RETURNS. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREEMENT EMERGES ON MEMBERSHIP OF 36, U.S. INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF WE RETAIN CURRENT IGC OF 24 MEMBERS TO FOCUS ON OPERATIONS OF WFP AND HAVE LARGER GROUP OF 36, OR SOME OTHER NUMBER, TO FOCUS ON BROADER ISSUES.

16. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE REPLY BY 3/18. VOLPE

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